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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

December 30, 2003 In Re Application of : Group Art No.: 3623 <u>M. Verdi, et al</u> Examiner: M. C. Heck <u>Serial No. 09/522,162</u> : IBM Corporation Filed: March 9, 2000 Anne Vachon Dougherty 3173 Cedar Road Title: COMPUTERIZED KNOWLEDGE Yorktown Hts, N.Y. 10598 BROKER SYSTEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSE (37 CFR 1.17(a))

Commissioner of Patents

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit a Petition for Extension of Time for Response for a period of two months (37 GCFR The period for response to the Final Office Action in the above-identified application, which was expire on November 26, 2003 will now expire on January 2004.

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Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account 50-0629 in the amount of \$420.00 as payment for the two month extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures